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1. The request for reconsideration filed on 11/11/09 has been entered and considered but it is not persuasive.

2. In the remarks, applicant argued that:

- (1) The grounds for the objection should be withdrawn.
- (2) Rafal fails to teach storing setup information, for setting the area of the database, in a storage section of the chairman video game terminal; creating, by the chairman video game terminal, an invitation message comprising the setup information stored in the storage section of the chairman video game terminal; and transmitting the invitation message comprising the setup message from the chairman video game terminal to a guest video game terminal.

In response to point (1), based on the amendment to claims 9 and 21 filed on 11/11/09, the specification objection has been withdrawn.

In response to point (2), Rafal teaches codes including entry point URL is stored on the user's browser (i.e., host) as a cookie ([0085], [0086] and [0037]) (i.e., storing setup information, for setting the area of the database, in a storage section of the chairman video game terminal). Rafal further teaches a host creates an email invitation that includes the entry point URL and sends the email to the invited guest ([0119] and [0037]) (i.e., creating, by the chairman video game

terminal, an invitation message comprising the setup information stored in the storage section of the chairman video game terminal; and transmitting the invitation message comprising the setup message from the chairman video game terminal to a guest video game terminal).

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